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MEETING MINUTES

Emergency Medical Services for Children

January 19, 2023, at 1:00 PM

Meeting Locations:

This meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams, by phone, and at physical locations.

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Physical Meeting Locations:

4150 Technology Way, Suite 301, Carson City, NV 89706

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call – Sandra Horning, Chair

Board Members Present:

Dr. Sandra Horning, M.D, Chair

Dr. David Slattery, M.D.

Ms. Stephanie Mead, EMT

Ms. Susie Kochevar, RN

Ms. Darlene Amarie- Hahn

Ms. Bobbie Sullivan

Mr. Michael Bologlu

Mr. Douglas Oxborrow

Ex- Officio Members Present:

Mr. Kevin Haywood

Dr. Molly Ray

Ms. Christine Forsberg

Ms. Irene Navis

Chair Horning called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken, and it was determined that a quorum of the Nevada Emergency Medical Services for Children was present.

2. Public Comment:

No public comment was made at this time.

3. For possible action: Approval of minutes from the meeting of the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Advisory Committee on October 20, 2022.

MOTION: Stephanie Mead

SECOND: Dr. David Slattery

PASSED: Unanimously

4. For possible action: Discussion and suggestions relating to recruitment of additional ex- officio committee members – Douglas Oxborrow, EMSC Program Manager

Douglas Oxborrow provided a list of current EMSC member vacancies that the committee is looking to fill. He asked that current members recommend individuals who would be interested in joining, be sent to himself or Dr. Horning.

Douglas Oxborrow introduced Karah Smith, who was nominated at the previous meeting, to be voted upon to join the committee as the parent representative.

Kara Smith introduced herself to the group. She stated she is a nurse practitioner who works at the Summerlin Hospital located in Las Vegas, in the pediatric emergency department.

Susie Kochevar motioned to have Karah Smith join the committee as the parent representative.

MOTION: Susie Kochevar

SECOND: Dr. David Slattery

PASSED: Unanimously

5. Informational only: Discussion and update of possible State of Nevada EMSC programs and items – Dr. Sandra Horning

Sandra Horning thanked the individuals who wrote letters of support for the EMSC funding for the next four years.

Douglas Oxborrow expressed his thanks for the letters of support and confirmed that the application for this EMSC funding had been submitted.

a. Handtevy Training Implementation – Susie Kochevar

Susie Kochevar mentioned that her team with love to bring the handtevy pediatric system to Las Vegas. She explained Nicole Brown had submitted a grant, that would bring training to all of Las Vegas, NV. She discussed that this training would take place at their paramedic school, sometime during the summer after they found out if the grant was either approved or denied.

Nicole Brown introduced herself and explained that with the grant being applied for, she is waiting on approval or denial. She is hopeful it will get approved, but she has sought out other avenues in case it does not. For example, there are individuals who she knows would be willing to donate significant amounts of money to help implement this. She expresses that regardless of grant approval or not, it looks like this will be able to take place.

Stephanie Mead explained that Truckee Meadows Community College requires paramedics to become familiar with handtevy training. She expressed that her and other instructors would be more than happy to help implement handtevy training on the Northern side of Nevada. Stephanie directed a question towards Bobbie Sullivan, asking if it would be possible to include a handtevy course at the next Emergency Medical Services conference.

Bobbie Sullivan explained for that to happen, the question would need to be discussed with the organizers of the conference, which is the UNR School of Medicine. Bobbie said that she would share the information for them with the group.

b. Pediatric Disaster Preparedness

Irene Navis introduced herself, explaining that she is the Nevada coordinator for Pediatric Emergency Management in the Western Region. She said that one of the projects that was worked on in a focus group for deployable assets was a just in time handbook. The goal of this is to teach non- pediatric specialists how to treat pediatric patients in times of need, such as a natural disaster. She gave recommendations for contacts if there was further question. Irene stated she would send out contact information on how to get in touch with these agencies.

c. ED Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program

Sandra brought about the issue about lack of space and beds for very sick children. She explained that the children who did not get a bed, had to board in Emergency Departments (ED's), with very little pediatric expertise. Sandra believes that because of this, it gives individuals the motives to get these pediatric readiness recognitions programs going to try to stop this from continuing.

Susie Kochevar asked Sandra if it would be okay to invite some respiratory therapists to future meetings to discuss how to make people more aware and bring ideas of how to get people trained and confident in helping these children.

Zebulon Nomura explained that St. Mary's had an issue and began dropping their Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) staffing, which was also leaving children without proper care. He explained that Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District is working to gain paramedics ability to help in hospitals with big events or surges, but they are having some legal issues with trying to push this forward.

Irene Navis gave Zebulon Nomura a contact to reach out to, to tackle some of the hurdles his agency is having with trying to get this in place. The contact is Karen Donahue from Southern Nevada Health District.

Sandra Horning explained that nationally, 20 percent of pediatric beds closed over the last three years due to the pandemic. This is because most patients who needed care during the pandemic were not pediatric, so for there to be room for these patients, they closed quite a few pediatric beds. She explained that this never got changed back after the pandemic because keeping them as adult beds, is more profitable.

d. Informational EMSC Newsletter and Education

Sandra Horning explained that Douglas Oxborrow, Michael Bologlu, and herself have been sending out monthly newsletters to the hospital providers, with pediatric information. They have mainly been using information from the national EMSC committee to keep people aware of the things happening all over the country. Sandra brought up the idea of different members writing columns for a newsletter to keep the state updated on pediatric topics they are educated on, that way there can be more pieces within the newsletter.

Stephanie Mead brought up the importance of also sending the pediatric newsletter out to more than just hospitals, such as, pre- hospital providers out in the field. For example, Stephanie brings up the new generational paramedics who do not have a full grasp on pediatrics and mental health. She explains that they do not understand mental health as it stands.

Douglas Oxborrow explained that having all hands-on deck from the committee would make the newsletter a lot more informational so that there is a section from each side of the committee.

Molly Ray explained that in the past, her and her team have provided information such as lectures, and they would be more than happy to help with the newsletter.

e. Pediatric Pre- hospital Education Resources to Include Development of a Pediatric Resource Panel

Sandra Horning explains that we are getting requests for lectures and training from Molly Ray and her team, as Molly had mentioned before. Sandra expressed that the EMSC committee has so much experience and training that everyone could help in areas they are familiar with. Sandra explained that she is going to send out a list of these kind of trainings and requested for individuals to reach out and get set up for a training they would like to speak on.

f. Pediatric Urgent Care Education Resources

Sandra Horning introduces this topic by expressing how difficult it has been because Urgent Care in Nevada is not licensed so it is hard to find any sort of listserv. Sandra said that regardless of this she is going to keep trying because many children are seen at urgent care to decipher if they need to be transferred. She went as far to say that most insurances prefer this to be done.

Irene Navis introduced the idea of a course by Dr. Jensen that she believes everyone could benefit from. Sandra Horning agreed and brought up bringing Dr. Jensen to one of the meetings as a guest speaker.

g. Emergency Medical Services Supraglottic Airways in Children (I- Gels)

Sandra explained that it has surfaced that a lot of EMS agencies carry different supraglottic airway or they carry none. In a training by Dr. Jensen, Sandra explains that he brought about I- Gels. The questions that come up with I- Gels is, since many are familiar with this tool, should it be used in pediatrics? Sandra is looking for input from the committee on this topic.

Dr. David Slattery explained that as a committee, it should be a priority that we advocate for the use of supraglottic airways. It should be less of a priority to specify a device that should be used statewide. David said that everyone's budget is different, everyone's access to training for this is different. It is important that supraglottic airways are used, instead of intubating. David says that the big message we should put out as a committee is not to tie hands to one device and do what works best for each agency.

Zebulon Namura explained how the service he works for, often uses LMA Supreme instead of supraglottic airway which they prefer because it has different sizes for their pediatric patients.

After hearing from the committee, Sandra Horning said, "What if we say our statement was that we feel all of our agencies that transport children have supraglottic airways available."

The committee agreed with Sandra Horning but wanted to take some more time to think about how to construct this and get this message out there.

The committee planned to hold off till the next meeting to speak more about this and make a vote on it.

6. For Possible Action: Continued discussion and development of a Pediatric Council Mission Statement – Dr. Sandra Horning

Dr. Sandra Horning explains that Irene Navis was kind enough to write up a potential mission statement, which she liked because it was based a lot on the National mission statement.

Douglas Oxborrow explained that he likes that mission statement, although, he thinks it is necessary that we incorporate how important it is to the committee that no matter where they are, every pediatric patient has access to the best medical care someone could provide.

Irene Navis explained that she used other mission statements for reference and took what she believed represented Nevada EMSC as a committee.

Michael Bologlu recommended the committee vote on the mission statement.

MOTION: Dr. David Slattery

SECOND: Douglas Oxborrow

PASSED: Unanimously

7. For Possible Action: Update on Pediatric Restraint System Project – Douglas Oxborrow

Douglas Oxborrow explained that the pediatric restraint system project has gone into open bidding, it is about 30 days away from shipping, and then the distribution project may begin. Douglas stated that this project is very close to the end game.

Sandra Horning asked if once this was finished, if this would be posted publicly so individuals knew this was in effect.

Michael Bologlu said that yes, it would go out through the listserv, but in order for it to be posted on social media, the state office would have to go through their Public Information Representative. He explained that it would be possible.

8. Informational Only: Proposed Meeting Dates for the Next Project Period

Sandra Horning informed the committee that the proposed meeting dates for the next committee meeting are as follows: April 13, 2023, July 20, 2023, and October 19, 2023, and January 18, 2023.

9. Public Comment:

None currently.

10. Adjournment

Dr. Sandra Horning thanked the committee and adjourned the meeting at 2:26 PM.